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The Honorable Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION**

The following is in response to the Official Communication mailed July 31, 2003.

**REMARKS**

Claims 21 and 36-45 are currently pending in the application. The examiner has rejected claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,013,591 to Ying *et al.* (“Ying *et al.*”). The examiner has rejected claims 21 and 38-45 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,905,000 to Yadav *et al.* (“Yadav *et al.*”). Applicants respectfully traverse these claim rejections for the reasons set forth below.